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is predicted by the weather man for tomorrow. Our weather man is wrong.

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Tremendous Gains by the Attacking Germans Admitted Today From Russian Points Through England.

PETROGRAD OUTLINES SITUATION AT WARSAW

Unofficial Statement Admits Reverses But Asserts That Czar's Forces Are Now Holding Their Own.

Berlin, Dec. 23 (by wireless to London, 7:45 p. m.)—A report from the German army headquarters in the field states that a German attack has been made in the eastern war area, but whether the operations were directed against the Russian rear or main line is not stated.

"The situation in Galicia," the report says, "has cleared. The Russians are holding the east bank of the Dunajec river to Tuchow (a town just south of Tarnow). Another Russian line extends to the southeast of Krosno (on the railroad between Jaslo and Sanok). Heavy fighting is going on at both Tuchow and Krosno and also at Bupko Pass."

London, Dec. 23 (2:27 p. m.)—In a dispatch received here from the correspondent of the Central News says that Emperor William with his entire staff reached Cologne today from Berlin on his way to the western battle front.

London, Dec. 23 (2:27 p. m.)—The 80-mile front in Russian Poland to the west of Warsaw, where the Germans and Russians are at grips on the banks of the Bzura, Bawas and Pilica rivers continues to be the scene of the most desperate fighting in either the eastern or western arenas of the war.

When the weather conditions under which the troops are fighting are recalled, the sufferings of the men in the trenches may to some extent be appreciated. The country is experiencing the full force of winter. Each side has sustained tremendous losses in this battle of the rivers, and although the Germans claim to have forced the Russian line at a number of points, it is nevertheless a fact, according to reports reaching London, that the Russian front has been straightened out and it is difficult to visualize which contender has the strategic advantage.

Again there comes trickling through from Holland reports of vast movements of German forces from the east and west. A dispatch reaching here from Amsterdam says that thousands of German troops have passed through Aix La Chapelle toward northern France. This activity may be the forerunner of a renewed German offensive in the western arena under the eyes of Emperor William, or it may simply be intended to offset reinforcements. Great Britain has been drawing lately into the French field of hostilities. As the situation appears to stand today the allies in France and Belgium continue more on the offensive than defensive and every day shows slight gains to their credit.

German Official Statement
Berlin, Via Wireless to London, Dec. 23 (2:27 p. m.)—That the attacks launched yesterday on the allies in Belgium were easily repulsed by the Germans; that the French troops are showing greater activity in the vicinity of Camp de Châlons, and that the French forward movement in the vicinity of Sillery, Rheims, Soissons and Perthes, have been partly repelled, were the features of the announcement issued today by the German army headquarters.

The statement says:

"Attacks in the region of Longwy and to the south of Bapaume have been easily repulsed by us. At Rechicourt l'Avoue, the English again were driven from their positions yesterday. Notwithstanding desperate counter attacks we have retained all the positions which we captured from the English on the Lichesbourg canal from Aire to La Bassée. Since December 20, 730 British and colored soldiers have been captured by us and five machine guns and four mine throwers taken."

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TODAY'S WAR SUMMARY.

Although further progress apparently has been made by the allies in their general offensive movement, the German armies as a whole are standing still and so far as is known have lost no important sections of the long line on which they settled down after the retreat which followed the battle of the Marne early in the war.

The official communication from Petrograd in the same breath admits that the Russians have been compelled to retreat from some positions and states that the German attacks have been repulsed everywhere with heavy losses to the invaders. Germany and Austria continue to assert that important successes are being achieved. One of the great battles of the war is in progress 30 miles west of Warsaw, and meanwhile the Russian forces to the north are pushing into Germany, presenting the possibility of a flanking movement which will menace the main army of Marshal von Hindenburg.

It is announced in Lisbon that German forces have invaded the province of Angola, Portuguese West Africa. A German invasion was said to have been defeated in October, although this report was denied in Berlin. On the present occasion the Portuguese government admits that the troops at the military post of Naulha have been compelled to retreat.

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